

Monocacy Scenic River Board
May 4, 2016 meeting
Frederick, Maryland

In attendance:

Jack Lynch (FC), Bill Hensley (FC), Sam Roop (FC), Jim Dertzbaugh (FC), Tim Goodfellow, (FC), Mona Becker (CC), Jim Wieprecht (CC). Absent: George Grillon (CC), Chris Heyn (CC), Bob Whiting (FC), Byron Madigan (CC).

Unanimous approval to amend April 2016 meeting minutes by adding Mona's name to the 'members present' listing.

Tim briefly discussed the April 2016 River clean up event. Approximately 15 people attended, with 9 or 10 bags of trash collected, plus a rolled-up carpet. Since the trash levels...and attendance levels...have decreased each year, the RB decided to explore other sites for next year's Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac Watershed Clean Up Day. Possible sites included Adams County, PA, Rock Creek behind Fredericktowne Mall, Carroll Creek at the Monocacy River, Carroll County locations, or partnering with other groups.

Tim described the upcoming May 14 River paddle trip.

The River Board next discussed the 2016 River Mngt Plan and the numerous revisions and edits that have been made to the Plan over the past several months. RB members unanimously agreed to add the goals and objectives contained in the 1990 Plan to the revised River Mngt Plan, with a few minor edits.

Several other very minor additions to the revised Plan were agreed to by the members present.

As the Plan is very close to being finalized and ready for River Board approval, the RB members wanted to give a courtesy, 'good-faith' opportunity for the 4 local governments (FC, CC, City of Frederick, Town of Walkersville) to comment on the Plan prior to RB approval. Much discussion ensued over this decision, with multiple scenarios possibly occurring. For example, Tim described a situation whereby a local government supplies comments with a statement that the Plan as presented would never be adopted by the government. Tim asked how the RB would respond. RB members responded that they are an independent advisory and recommendation-making body and will approve a River Board-recommended Plan, regardless of comments or implications by the local governments. A letter will be drafted for the Chair to review and sign which will be sent to the 4 local governments with copies of the June 1 final-draft River Mngt Plan.

The 'June 1' version of the River Plan (the final-draft) will be distributed to RB members before the next meeting of the River Board (Wednesday, June 1, 2016 in Taneytown).

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.
Submitted by Tim Goodfellow